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## INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 13<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

<b>Facility county</b>	Vigo
<b>Governing authority</b>	Vigo County Sheriff Department
<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	James R. Jenkins
<b>Detention facility's mission</b>	The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center (VCJJC) is to provide a safe and secure environment for detainees and staff by abiding by all state laws, statutes, and the Department of Correction Standards pertaining to juveniles. The VCJJC will provide youth detained at the center with their basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care. VCJJC will provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational and social needs of the youth detained. VCJJC strives to prevent to abridgment of a juvenile's legal rights during his/her at the facility.
<b>Rated capacity</b>	19
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	14
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	12
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	8 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	2001
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	Replaced washer & purchased commercial double door refrigerator
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	Replaced 3 camera's, replaced 6 door intercoms, upgraded east shower stall & installed door card access reader in dayroom area.
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Handle with Care
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	Handle with Care
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	Yes
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	Canteen Services
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Bill Joy
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Quality Correctional Care
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Family Service Association

**INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS**

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat, Laurie Elliott, and Kellie Whitcomb
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<b>File Review of the 16 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The VCJJC was clean.</li> <li>• Juvenile sleeping rooms were in need of fresh painted due profanity and graffiti on the doors, walls and bed frames.</li> <li>• Juvenile sleeping rooms door windows need to be replaced due to profanity and graffiti visional impairing clearly observation of youth in the rooms.</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth, one female and three males, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• Youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility.</li> <li>• Youth did not provide complaints or recommendations.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve working relationship and communication with the health care service provider, Quality Correctional Care, by meeting on a regular basis to discuss the delivery of health care services to youth in placement at the detention center.</li> </ul>

### **SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)**

On 3/17/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Vigo County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Lt. Kiefling. Youth were observed inside their sleeping rooms. The facility population count was 12. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory.

On 4/13/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Vigo County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Lt. Kiefling and Director Jenkins. Youth were observed participating in education under direct supervision of detention staff. The facility population count was 12. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be in need of fresh paint. The sanitation level was found to be satisfactory.

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)**

The Vigo County Juvenile Detention Center's education standards - technical assistance visit occurred on 1/15/15 and was conducted by Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows

the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and three part-time teachers.

The Vigo County Juvenile Detention Center's training and staff development standards - technical assistance visit occurred on 6/14/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

Multiple health care standards - technical assistance contacts took place over the course of the year. Poor communication was demonstrated between the health care service provider, Quality Correctional Care and the juvenile detention facility staff. This strained relationship between the service provider and the detention staff resulted in a delay in the facility's ability to demonstrate compliance with the medical standards. Compliance with all mandatory health care standards was demonstrated in December.

## CONCLUSION

Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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